



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**CELEBRATION OF THE
EUCHARIST:**

Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
& 11:30 am

Weekdays (Monday through
Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....8:30 am

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Saturdays:..... 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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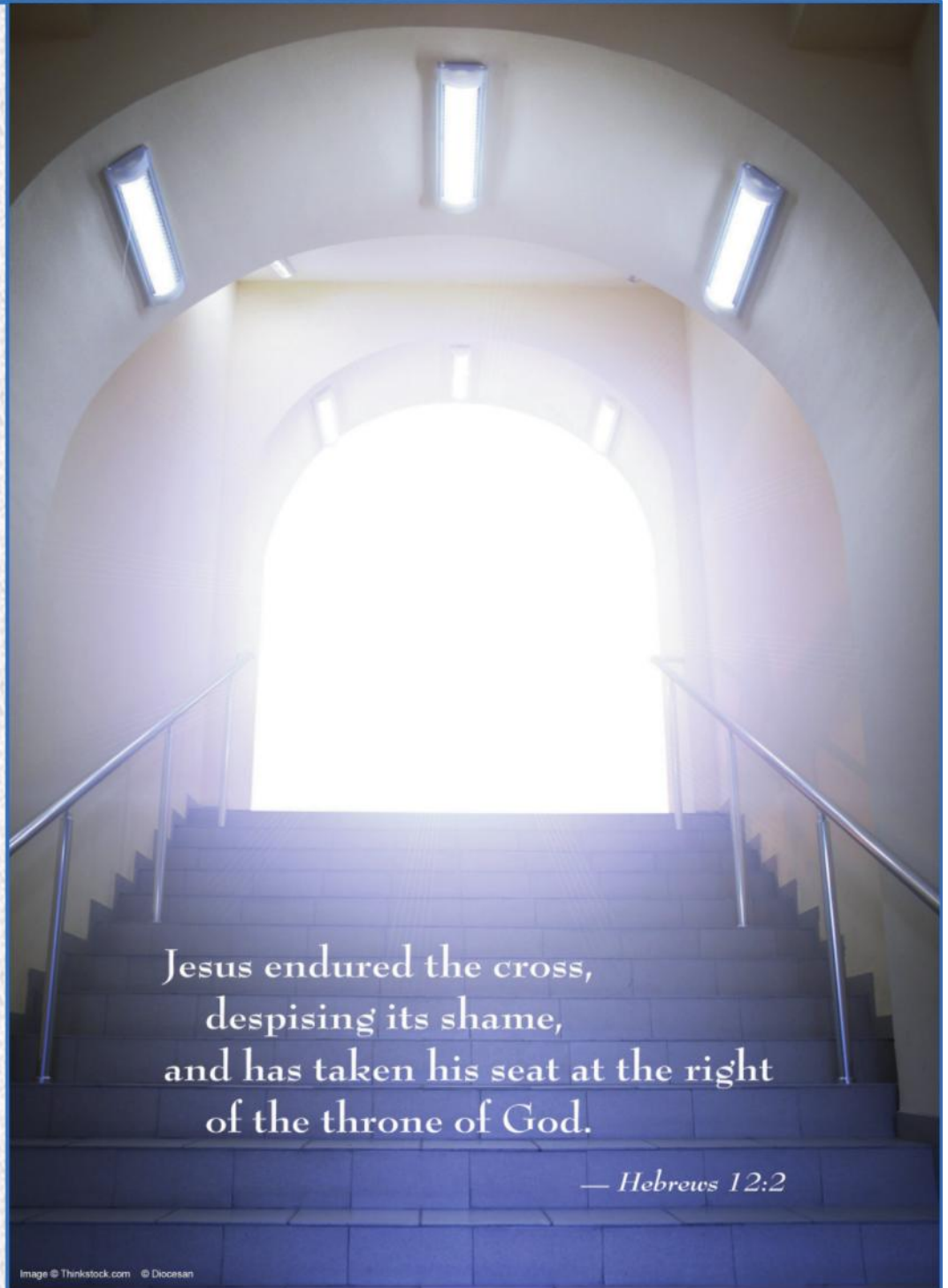
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Jesus endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right
of the throne of God.

— *Hebrews 12:2*

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August 17, 2025

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Mass Intentions for the week of August 17th to August 24th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Special Intentions for Fr Gabriel	7:00 AM Special Intentions of Father Gabriel by Linda Leone	7:00 AM For the sick of the parish	7:00 AM For those in need of prayer
9:30 AM Wendy Marie Lussier † by her parents	8:30 AM Dorothy Palus † by Phil & Claudette Ericson	8:30 AM Wendy Marie Lussier † by her parents	8:30 AM Special Intentions of Father Gabriel by Bob & Bonnie
11:30 AM Peggy & Richard Jones by Jeanine Zolfaghari	The doorway into the kingdom is narrow.		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-First Sunday Thinking about the Readings

1. How have I tried to enter "through the narrow door" What choices have I made about how I live and relate to people?
2. How do I imagine the coming reign of God and my place in it?
3. When have I been disciplined by God? What was the occasion?

Readings for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Outcasts will be gathered home by God as a precious offering in glory.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Discipline strengthens what is weak.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)
 Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel.
 Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.
 Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm
 Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.
 Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am)
 Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm
 Fatima Sundays—Every 3rd Sunday of the Month from May through October, 3-4:30pm.
 Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

God is the source of all "gifts," intended to lead us and others back to Himself, not to "dumb idols".



Today's good news

The first reading is taken from Jeremiah 38:4-6; 8-10. The prophet was maltreated and imprisoned. Jeremiah was a man of God who suffered all his life for the sake of the true religion.

The second reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-4. The author of Hebrews says that our Lord endured the cross for the sake of the joy which lay before him. A great part of that joy was our resurrection to a glorified existence in the future life which his cross was earning for us.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 12:49-53. We who appreciate what he has done for us, and who are striving hard against our natural weaknesses to profit by his salvific work, can do something to console him for the desertion of so many that he still loves dearly. God wants no human being lost eternally. He detests sin but he still loves the sinner. He is always ready to grant a full pardon for each and every sin a man commits, if only the sinner has the humility to say "mea culpa."

Let those of us who have remained faithful never let a day pass without a fervent prayer for the prodigal sons of God, that they will get the humility to return to their father's home and ask for his pardon. Another grace, too, that we must ask of God is that peace between fellowmen will soon be restored. Christ foresaw that this concord would be broken, because of his very gospel of peace. First and foremost we must pray for, and do everything we can to help bring about, a reunion between all Christians who are followers of Christ by their baptism. Let us put aside all past prejudices and opinions. Neither we nor our separated brethren are responsible for the sins and failings of our ancestors in the eleventh or the sixteenth centuries. We are responsible for our own actions today. We are failing Christ if we do not take a sincere and active interest in the noble and truly Christian work of ecumenism.

Let us pray fervently that God will give us the grace to recognize Jesus as the Person he was, the Son of God in human nature, who came on earth to make us fit for heaven.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the week of August 17th to August 24th

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Special Intentions for Michelle Dixon by her mom & dad	7:00 AM Deceased souls in Purgatory	8:30 AM For the people of the parish	7:30 AM George & Mabel Seigman † by Mike & Georgeanne Vendlinski
8:30 AM Charles Cubine † by the family	8:30 AM For St Teresa School teachers & students	5:00 PM Gordon Dillon † by his son & Daughter-in-law, Bob & Pat Dillon	9:30 AM Glen Warren † by Elen Orenca
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for OUR Special Intentions for Father Gabriel			11:30 AM Special Intentions for Naz & Jeanine (44th anniversary)

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: In today's second reading, St Paul encourages us not to grow weary or to lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division. Is one way to measure our discipleship.

Parish Sacrificial Giving :(Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$15,572.00 (8/3) & \$4,937 for the school. Collection for 8/10 was \$11,892 & 2ns collection amounted to \$2,645.00. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Is the image of Jesus most parishioners hold a "soft" image for example, Jesus as only sweet and gentle? How will these parishioners hear the Gospel?



Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration , **August 21st from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm.**

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (C)

SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome Back to school!

Back To School Prayer



Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please visit our website at www.stteresa-titusville.org for information regarding St. Teresa Catholic School.



Happy 1st day faces



So nice to hold my hand on the 1st day!



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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)

St. Teresa will be holding an in-person registration for NEW students on **August 17th, in Avila Hall after the 9:30 Mass**, returning students will register via email. Reminder First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion is a two year program, 2nd & 3rd Grade. Confirmation is also a two year program 7th & 8th Grades. A parent/teacher meeting will be held **August 27th at 6pm** in Avila Hall. Students begin on **September 3rd**. All classes will be in the St. Teresa Catholic School from **6:15 pm to 7:30 pm**.



OCIA

If you are interested in learning more about our faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic you are invited to attend our OCIA program meeting on **September 7, 2025 at 1:30pm** in the Faith Formation room of Avila Hall. If you would like further information please contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

"O"ur Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. John Berchmans "Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be."

Altar Servers

Altar Servers quarterly meeting will be held **Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 6pm** in Avila Hall. Altar Servers and Parents please plan to attend. We will be doing the schedule for September thru November. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server please contact the Faith Formation Office and attend this meeting with your parent/guardian. See you there!



Altar Server Training will be held **Sunday, September 7th** and **Sunday, September 14th** after the 11:30 Mass in the church. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server and are in grade 3 and up, you need to attend these training sessions. **We need of servers for the 5:00 pm & 7:30 am Masses**. If you are currently an Altar Server and feel you need additional training, please attend one of the sessions.

Adult Bible Study

This Fall's Bible study will be "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled". Classes will **Monday or Wednesday mornings** or **Tuesday evening**. We will start **Sep. 8th** and run for 8 weeks. If you are interested please respond contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

Confirmation 2025 Class

Schedule of Events:

Monday, Aug 18, 2025 @ 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM; Prep Session VIII will be held in the Church.

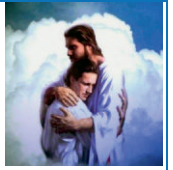
Saturday, Sep 13, 2025 9:00am – 1:00pm Retreat & Rehearsal. Will be held in Avila Hall and the Church.
Saturday, Sep 20, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Mass, Sacrament of Confirmation.

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism and Preparation Class contact the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. The Preparation class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

Bereavement /Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating. You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.



Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM**.

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary

Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly:**



Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6pm**

There will be a Pot Luck dinner after the rosary in Avila Hall

Choir Rehearsal

Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.



Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church

Food Pantry Cor Jesu

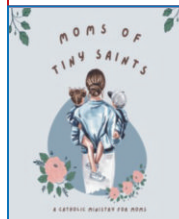
Food pantry is in need of canned fruit, crackers and small bags of rice.



All food donations are always appreciated.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for perishables. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop. Clean food store plastic bags are needed.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.



Moms of Tiny Saints

A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints. Join us at one of our upcoming events.



Contact Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any questions.

Aug. 28	7PM	Text Kasey for address	Just-for-Moms Night
Sept. 9	10 AM	The Avenue Viera: Splash Pad	Splash Pad Meet Up
Sept. 18	7PM	Text Kasey for address	Just-for-Moms Night
Oct. 11	10 AM	Fay Lake Wilderness Park	Family Picnic Pot-luck

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 22nd

On August 22nd, Catholics worldwide celebrate an extraordinary coronation – not of an earthly monarch, but of a humble girl from Nazareth who became the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The *Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary* is a relatively recent addition to the Catholic calendar, established in 1954 by Pope Pius XII. But why would the Church crown the mother of Jesus as a queen?



This feast, closely linked to the Assumption (August 15th), paints a transcendent picture of Mary's journey. Tradition holds that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into heaven – a prelude to her coronation as Queen of all creation.

As the Mother of Jesus – whom Christians hail as the King of Kings – Mary's queenship reflects her unparalleled role in salvation history.

But Mary's crown isn't just about honor – it's about her God-given power. We believe that as Queen of Heaven, Mary wields extraordinary intercessory power, advocating for humanity before the throne of her Son. This belief has inspired centuries of devotion, with Mary depicted as a crowned queen in countless works of art across cultures.

Pope Pius XII's 1954 decree didn't invent Mary's queenship; rather, it formally recognized a devotion that had been growing for centuries. Today, this feast invites believers to reflect on a profound paradox: how the lowly handmaid of Nazareth became the most exalted among all created beings, occupying a unique place of honor in God's plan of salvation.



RCIA is now **OCIA**: What's behind the name change?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), the process for people to learn about the Catholic faith and join the Church, has been a staple in Catholic life and lingo for years. Now, the process is getting re-named and revamped.

In 2021, the U.S. bishops changed the name of one of the Church's best-known acronyms, reorienting the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the new Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, or OCIA for short. The name change and the new approach that it represents are now in the process of being implemented across the country.

The changes are part of a long-term, worldwide effort to improve the Church's translation of English prayers and liturgical texts from their original Latin. For the English-speaking churches around the world, including in the United States, the Latin word "ordo" is being retranslated from the English word "rite" to "order."

The process by which people convert to Catholicism encompasses a spiritual journey that involves the Holy Spirit, not only liturgical actions or prayers (that is, a rite). "The focus shifts to less upon what they know and more on their ability to conform their lives to the teachings of the Church."

The new structure of OCIA goes further than RCIA. It is meant to invite candidates and catechumens into a continuous process of spiritual formation as opposed to emphasizing fixed checkpoints on a path to joining the Church and receiving the sacraments of baptism, first Holy Communion and confirmation.

That is reflected in a change to the length, breadth and timing of the process by which someone is initiated into the Church. The OCIA process encourages candidates and catechumens to take charge of their faith education, ask questions of catechists and explore the answers.

Most catechumens and candidates will still be received into the church during the Easter Vigil, but OCIA encourages them to get involved in the parish community even before they receive the sacraments, sowing seeds of discipleship that will grow well beyond confirmation.

"Instead of just waiting, if a person has the conviction in their heart, if they are ready, they can join the church quicker than waiting for the Easter Vigil. For a lot of people, the waiting sometimes is the downfall. You have to wait and go through the process, and some people need that. But at any point a priest can get a special dispensation to do confirmation.



MY FLESH
is true food &
MY BLOOD
is true drink.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrews 12:1-4

Meeting the Challenge

Set your goals high. Thinking about them will bring you joy. But do not despair if they are hard to meet. Reaching your goals is always a struggle.

In Christian life, obstacles hamper our goals. But most of us are not facing the obstacles of the early Church. Those Christians were persecuted for their faith. Some of them were tempted to abandon Christ. In their struggle against sin, some of them resisted to the point of shedding blood. That has not happened to most of us.

Still, sin tempts us in many ways. Many young people, for example, set high goals for themselves: not to abuse drugs, not to foster racism, not to have sex outside of marriage, not to commit acts of violence, not to drink and drive. But those goals are hard to reach. Temptation appears every day.

The Letter to the Hebrews says we can build up our endurance by reflecting on the perseverance of others. They shed the sins that kept them from their goals. "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

He endured the cross, "in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart." Set your goals high. And meet them with Christ.

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Our Lady of Knock

Apparition of Mary

August 21, 1879

On August 21, 1879, Margaret Beirne, a resident of Cnoc Mhuire, was sent by her brother to lock up the church for the evening. When she was ready to leave, she noticed a strange brightness hovering over the church. Margaret had other things on her mind, and didn't tell anyone what she saw.

Around the same time, another member of the Beirne family, Mary, was leaving from a visit to the church's housekeeper, and stopped with the housekeeper at the gables, where they could see the church.

Mary replied: "Oh look at the statues! Why didn't you tell me the priest got new statues for the chapel?"

The housekeeper responded that she knew nothing of the priest getting new statues. So, they both went for a closer look, and Mary Beirne said: "But they are not statues, they're moving. It's the Blessed Virgin!"

Thirteen others also came and saw the beautiful woman, clothed in white garments, wearing a brilliant crown. Her hands were raised as if in prayer.

All knew that it was Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Queen of Angels. On the right of Our Lady stood St. Joseph, his head inclined toward her. On her left stood St. John the Evangelist, dressed as a bishop. To the left of St. John stood an altar which had a lamb and a cross surrounded by angels on it. The vision lasted about two hours.

People who were not at the apparition site reported that they saw a bright light illuminating the area where the church was. Many of the sick were healed upon visiting the church at Knock.

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